

**Car Damaged By Metal Bar**

Syd Boardman, of 323 Francisco st., Redondo Beach, complained to Torrance police that the front end and underside of his automobile were wrecked when he ran over an iron bar five inches long and 12 inches thick on Hawthorne blvd., between Emerald and Garnet sts. The mishap occurred Wednesday evening. Police theorize that the metal bar fell from a truck.

**Five-Year-Old Boy Injured by Auto**

A five-year-old Torrance boy is home convalescing after receiving serious injuries Tuesday afternoon when he ran into the side of a moving automobile. The lad, Jimmy Rudnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rudnick of 1328 Acacia ave., was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment of severe cuts and bruises, according to Torrance police. Officers said the boy ran into

the side of a car driven by Rev. Paul W. Wenske, 37, of 2550 El Dorado ave., pastor of the First Lutheran Church.

**Christmas Away**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Haggard, of 1726 Watson st., are spending the holiday season with relatives in Oklahoma. They are expected to return shortly after the first of the year.

**City's First Pawn Shop Opens Doors**

History was made in Torrance last Thursday when the city's first pawn shop opened its doors. Herbert Goodman of Los Angeles was granted a license to operate the business, the Torrance Loan and Jewelry Co., here after Police Chief John Stroh gave his approval. Many similar requests have been turned by the City Council after the Chief said no. Goodman disclosed this week that he is proud to join the growing business center of Torrance. A resident of Los Angeles, Goodman stated that he has been in the money lending business for 15 years. This, he said, is his first ownership venture.

**Lomita Home Robbed During Emergency**

Thieves took advantage of an emergency to loot the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Merriam, 1854 W. 263rd St., sheriff's deputies were told Wednesday. The couple left suddenly to take their teen-age daughter to the hospital after she suffered an attack of appendicitis. When they returned two hours later, found their home had been ransacked and looted of a television set, vacuum cleaner and typewriter valued at a total of \$150.

**Gas Company Opens New Headquarters**

Southern California Gas Co. will be servicing customers in the beach communities from a new centrally-located headquarters beginning today, it was announced today by L. E. Green, Southwest Division, Manager.

The new base, located at 182 Street near Hawthorne, will be known as the 182 Street Base. From this central point, service and distribution crews will operate throughout the communities of Torrance, Waverly, Lomita, Palo Verde Estates, Rolling Hills, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach.

Twenty-one Customer Servicemen under Foreman G. H. Miller will be moving from the aged and crowded Redondo Base, at 540 First Street, Hermosa Beach, which will now be abandoned.

Thirty Distribution Department Crewmen, under Foreman N. L. Boden will be moving from the Yukon Avenue Base at 3400 El Segundo Boulevard. Two complete crews with foremen have been operating from the Yukon Base awaiting completion of this new building.

The new 182 Street Base is a \$170,000 brick structure containing offices, assembly room, locker and shower room, and the Division storeroom, a repair garage.

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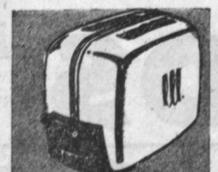



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